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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (previously presented)

1. A heterocyclic compound of the formula

Z—CH—N X

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wherein

- R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,
- A represents an ethylene group which may be substituted by methyl,
- X represents the group ———CH——R³

in which

- R³ represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₇ alkyl group, and
- z represents a 3-pyridyl group or a 4-pyridyl group, each of which is optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from halogen atoms, alkyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkylthio groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, haloalkyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, haloalkoxy groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkylsulfonyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a cyano group and a nitro group.

Claims 2-6 (cancelled)

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Claim 7 (previously presented)

 An insecticidal composition comprising an insecticidally effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 and a diluent.

Claim 8 (previously presented)

8. A method of combating insects which comprises applying to such insects or to an insect habitat an insecticidally effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

Claim 9 (cancelled)